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On July 15, Poloff conveyed reftel demarche to Ambassador Abdul Kareem al-Muhaqri, Chief of the MFA's Europe Department. Muhaqri said that the ROYG was still studying the issue, but that all indications suggested that it was "tending in favor of recognizing Kosovo's independence." Muhaqri also stated that Kosovo recognition would be taken up by the Arab League -- although he did not know when that would happen -- and that the ROYG would act in accordance with the AL's decision on the matter.
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